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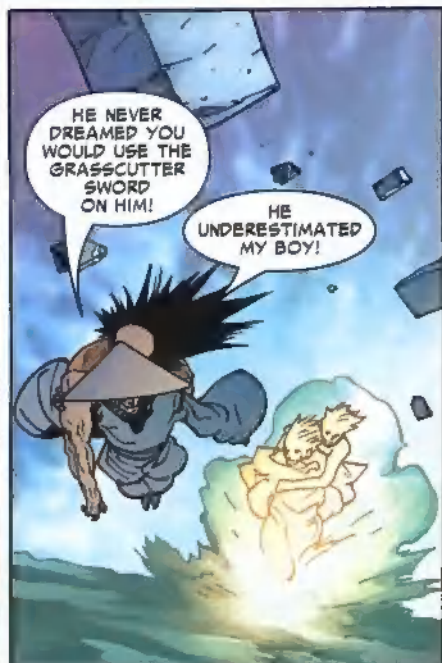
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I FEEL LIKE I HAD A TERRIBLE NIGHTMARE, DAD.

IT WAS... NOT A NIGHTMARE, ALEX.



WHAT...WHAT HAPPENED TO US?

YOU ARE MY SON AGAIN, ALEXANDER. THAT IS ALL THAT IS IMPORTANT.



WHERE ARE WE?

AFRICA. IN THE LAND OF THE GODS. THEY HAVE MANY GREAT HEALERS HERE.

MY HEAD IS KILLING ME...

I ALMOST TOOK YOUR HEAD OFF, BOY.

SO...IT REALLY HAPPENED?



YES.

OW! I LOVE YOU, DAD-- I'M SO--!



IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY--WE'RE TOGETHER NOW.

OW. THIS REALLY HURTS, DAD. BUT I'M NOT LETTING GO.



GOOD. THEN DON'T. NEVER LET GO...

IT SEEMS MERCURY AND INARI, BOTH MESSENGERS, SAW THE STUBBORNNESS OF US GODS.

NEITHER THE LORDS OF THE WEST NOR OF THE EAST COULD "LOWER" THEMSELVES TO ASK HELP FROM ONE ANOTHER. BUT THEY CONSPIRED TO BRING US VICTORY. MANY OF US DIED.



YOUR GRANDFATHER... MY FATHER...

HIS BODY WASN'T FOUND...

HE FOUND A WAY PAST MIKABOSHI'S GUARD AND REMOVED THE SPELL YOU WERE UNDER...

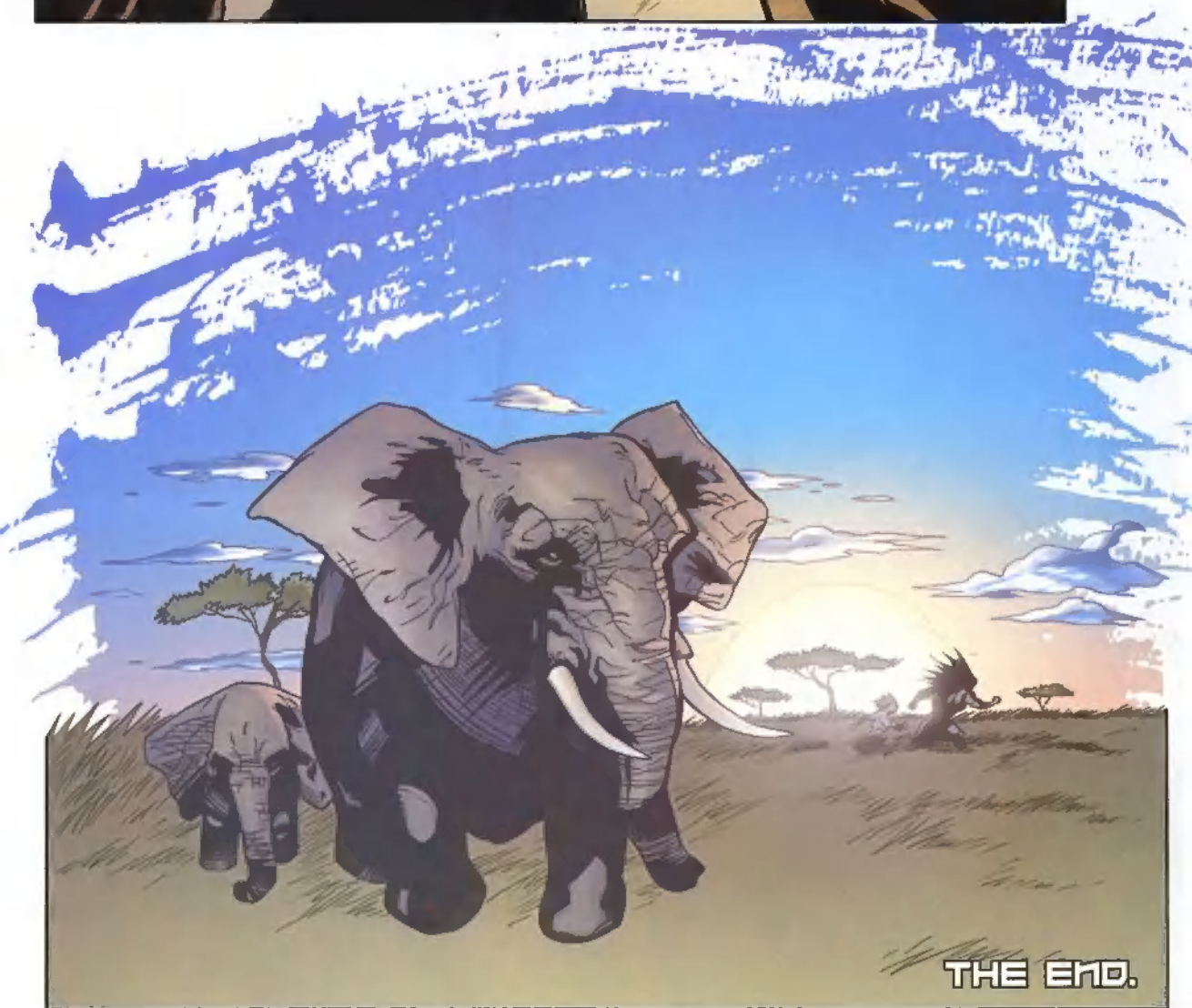
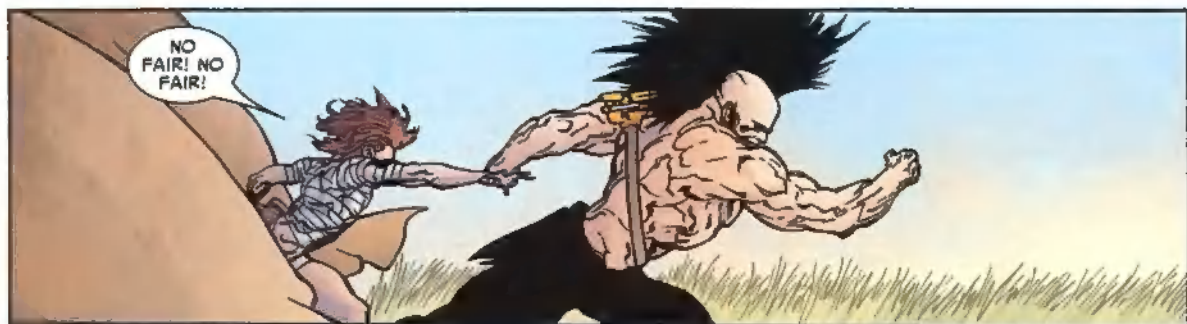
I HAD...A GRANDFATHER?



HE MAY BE GONE, BUT YOU AND I HAVE SURVIVED AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.

YOU'RE THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS TO ME, ALEX.

I LOVE YOU TOO, DAD.



THE END.